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PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

I, Roberts Ancans, was born on 11 November 1919 on the Ancans farm in Tilza county (Latvia). After ending the primary school of Tilza county, I entered Aglona High School in 1933. From Aglona I transferred to Karsava High School, which I completed in 1938. I immediately entered the University of Latvia, in the political economics faculty and jurisprudence.

In 1939 I volunteered into the Latvian Army with the ~~xix~~ aim of completing my studies and the War College. When the Bolsheviks occupied Latvia in 1940, I had gone through the non-commissioned officers' company and the course for officer-candidates. I was obliged to remain in the army until World War II, when I went over to the partisans, on 25 June 1941, in Rayon near Olaine, and took part in severe fighting.

In October, 1941, I went to the front with the 16th Zemgale Battallion. After being wounded a second time, in 1942, I finished the Officers' School. On 19 March 1943, I was wounded for the third time, and the fourth time near Ostrov in February 1944. I came back to the front in Kurzeme, where, in the Christmas Battle of 1944, I was encircled by the Bolsheviks for three days; there, with hand grenade we destroyed 12 Bolshevik tanks, took about 70 prisoners, and destroyed about 400 attacking Bolsheviks. At that time, I commanded the Battle School of the Division (non-commissioned officers' course, tank course, close combat course, snipers, storm weapons, and in-fighting courses). After the break-through, I was decorated with the Knight's Cross of the Iron Crosses (Ritterkreuz).

I was at the front in Kurzeme until 19 March 1945, when I was wounded for the eighth time. At the front I commanded units up to and including battallion. After my recovery I was promoted to the position of commandant on the staff of General Bangerskis. On the 8th of May, 1945, (day of the capitulation), I found myself in the Liepaja military hospital, from where I travelled to the sea by the last possibility. On 16 May, I stepped out on the shore of Germany; in the beginning I attempted to restore my health, yet later, when the danger of being delivered up to the Bolsheviks continued, I changed my name to Juris Polis.

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When I settled as a resident of the US Zone in the Summer of 1946, I abandoned this assumed name.

In Germany, I was in the DP Camp in Bad Wörishofen until 1948, in Neuburg until 1950, and afterwards in Augsburg. I was an IRO official the whole time, in various positions.

I am now Chairman of the Latvian Committee in Augsburg and also Chairman of the Camp Committee (Camp Höchfeld).

I have been married since the summer of 1950, and have a daughter, Rita (two months old).

I have been in the following organizations: Mazpulki, Jaunsargi (Youth Section of the Aizsargi), Daugavas Vanagi, and the student organization "Lacuania."

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